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Hongkong, March 5, 1908. 366

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Hongkong, March 7, 1908. 379

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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I recognise that my advances are distasteful
to you; but I trust I may still regard my-
self as a friend of the family!" Canada:
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possible of you, I don't mind being a dis-
tasteful to you, for mother's sake." "Punch."

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Agents.
Hongkong, August 7, 1907. 1285

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NOTICE.

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holders of the above Company will be held

at the Office of the General Agents on

THURSDAY, the 26th March, at 12.30

p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report

and Statement of Accounts for the year ending

31st December, 1907.

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pany will be CLOSED from the 13th to

26th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 6, 1908. 372

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

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THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, March 6, 1908. 371

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$15,000,000
 RESERVE FUNDS.....
 Sterling.....\$15,000,000
 Silver.....\$15,000,000
 REVENUE LIABILITY OF.....\$28,500,000
 PROVISIONS.....\$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. Mr. HENRY KESWICK—Chairman.
 E. GORZ, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
 G. Friesland, Esq., J. E. Shellen, Esq.,
 A. Fuchs, Esq., H. A. W. Slade, Esq.,
 C. S. Gubbay, Esq., H. A. W. Slade, Esq.,
 O. R. Louman, Esq., H. E. Tompkins, Esq.,
 G. H. Medhurst, Esq., J. R. M. SMITH.

CHIEF MANAGER:

Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.
 Shanghai—H. E. R. HUNTER.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
 On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.
 " 6 " 3 " " "
 " 12 " 4 " " "

J. R. M. SMITH,
 Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 19, 1908.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rates may be obtained on application.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS:

PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
 J. R. M. SMITH,
 Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 12, 1907.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
 HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,200,000
 RESERVE FUND.....£1,475,000
 RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
 PRIETORS.....£1,200,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS:

the rate of 2½ per cent. on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months 4½ per cent. per annum.
 " 6 " 4 " " "
 " 3 " 3 " " "

JOHN ARMSTRONG,
 Manager.

Hongkong, January 7, 1908.

THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000
 PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,250,000
 RESERVE FUND.....£625,000
 RESERVE FUNDS.....£1,700,000

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS:
 the rate of 2½ per cent. on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months 4½ per cent. per annum.
 " 6 " 4 " " "
 " 3 " 3 " " "

EVAN ORMISTON,
 Manager.

Hongkong, May 1, 1907.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER.)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....YEN 5,000,000
 PAID-UP CAPITAL.....YEN 3,750,000
 RESERVE FUNDS.....YEN 635,000

HEAD OFFICE—TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:

Amoy, Kobe, Yokohama, Shanghai, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Harbin, Manchuria, Korea, Japan, etc.

HONGKONG OFFICE:

3, DES VUEX ROAD.
 Interest allowed on Current Account. Deposits received on terms which may be earned on application.

D. TORDOW,
 Manager.

Hongkong, April 6, 1907.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....YEN 24,000,000
 RESERVE FUNDS.....YEN 15,550,000

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:

TOKYO, KOREA, MANCHURIA, SHANGHAI, HANKOW, PEKING, TIENTSIN, HARBIN, MANCHURIA, KOREA, JAPAN, etc.

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
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ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

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 For 3 months 3½ " " "

TAKEO TAKAMOTO,
 Manager.

Hongkong, April 6, 1907.

Banks.

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ORGANISED UNDER IMPERIAL DECREE OF 10TH DECEMBER, 1895.

CAPITAL.....15,000,000 Roubles.
 CAPITAL contributed by CHINESE GOVERNMENT.....5,000,000 K. Taels.

RESERVE FUND.....Roubles 9,240,000

HEAD OFFICE—ST. PETERSBURG.

London Office: 41, Threadneedle St., E.C.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:

Amoy, Kobe, Yokohama, Shanghai, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Harbin, Manchuria, Korea, Japan, etc.

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Interest Allowed:

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H. A. STEWART, Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
 PRINCE'S BUILDINGS.
 Hongkong, February 19, 1908.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$25,000,000
 RESERVE FUND.....\$12,500,000
 RESERVE FUNDS.....\$12,500,000

HEAD OFFICE:

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 For 3 " 3 " " "

No. 9, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

W. M. ANDERSON,
 Manager.

Hongkong, January 24, 1908.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDELS-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

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ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....FL. 45,000,000 (€3,750,000).
 RESERVE FUND FL. 5,778,375 (€448,000).

HEAD OFFICE—AMSTERDAM.

HEAD AGENCY—BATAVIA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:

Batavia, Singapore, Penang, Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, Sourabaya, Charoen, Pail, Pailong, Pasuruan, Tjilatjap, Padang, Medan (Deli), Palembang, Kota Radja (Achene) Bandjarmasin.

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COMMERCIAL.

THE FREIGHT MARKET.

Messrs. Lankin and Rogge report under date of Saturday, March 7:

Since writing last of the 22nd ultimo a fairly large amount of chartering business has again been put through, but still it cannot be said that the general aspect of affairs is much brighter.

The Saigon/Hongkong market continues dull, and rates have so far left very much to be desired. Whereas at the corresponding period last year 19 cents had been reached, and prospects for a further rise were in the air, the highest figure obtained in the course of the past fortnight is 16 cents only, and the closing rate cannot be called anything better than 15 cents. From recent reports it would seem that stocks of rice for prompt shipment are practically exhausted, and with a declining market locally and more tonnage showing that is warranted by the demand, there seems unfortunately no likelihood of any speedy advance in rates, unless of course requirements in the future should reach exceptionally large dimensions.

Saigon/Philippines cargo further demand has accounted for a few steamers' fixtures, rates paid varying from 25 to 28 cents according to size. There are no more chartering orders traceable for prompt dates, which may be attributed to the smallness of stocks available in Saigon, future prospects for business in this direction are however promising.

Saigon/Java has the fixture of a vessel for a part cargo at 24 cents.

Bangkok business has unexpectedly undergone a change for the better, at least as far as demand for tonnage is concerned. What until very recent dates some of the liners, in the absence of own trade, were sent to Saigon to load for Hongkong, there has all at once been demand for outsiders, and our to-day's list of fixtures includes two vessels settled on berth terms, i.e. 27 cents per picul from inside the bar and 20 cents from outside, less usual rates.

A little more animation is also discernible in coal freights and rates have slightly improved. The following charters are on record: Palo Laro Kohkong at \$3, Hsichon/Canton at \$2, Hongkong/Canton at \$2, Moji/Hongkong at \$1.30.

From Rajang to Hongkong, timber, a Norwegian vessel is reported settled on lump sum basis.

THE BEGINNING OF RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

The following was written to the Editor of the "Tribune" Sir:—In the review of Mr. Kent's book on railways in China, which appeared in your issue of Dec. 28th, you distinguish between the unwise attempt made thirty years ago to thrust on the Chinese a steam railway in lieu of a tram road between Shanghai and Wusung, and an incident which preceded the initiation of the present system of railways in the Chinese Empire. The construction of the first locomotive in China from materials found in the scrap-heap at the Kaiping colliery by Mr. Kinder is doubtless very interesting in the light of subsequent events. It cannot be said, however, that these were in any way connected as cause and effect. Indeed, the existence of their engine for some time very much encouraged the Chinese officials against railways. This prejudice was only removed by the interposition of another British subject, who succeeded in securing the ear and influence of several leading Chinese officials by this demonstration of the value of railways as an efficient instrument of government, both in times of peace and war. From this point, the official recognition at Peking of the railway is dated, and following on the Kaiping railway lines were constructed, which now form part of the Northern Railways.

That Mr. Kinder performed yeoman service at the time is beyond doubt, and no one would willingly take from him his due meed of praise as to his work at Kaiping, and later as a railway constructional engineer. To him, however, when all is said and done, does not belong the credit of having overthrown the initial aversion and prejudice of the Chinese officials against the introduction of railways within the Empire of China.

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His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Albatross	despatch-vessel	1700	12	3000	Comdr. E. La T. Leatham	Hongkong
Astrea	cruiser, 2nd class	4380	10	9000	Captain S. L. Vanzhan Lee	Fongkoo
Bodford	cruiser, 1st class	6700	—	—	Capt. E. F. Irskine	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. Davidson	Shanghai
Britannia	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. Bamber	Shanghai
Cadmus	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. B. L. Majendie	Shanghai
Cherub	water tank and tug	—	—	300	—	—
Clio	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. C. D. S. Raikes	Hongkong
Clio	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	6700	Lieut.-Comdr. Gresson	Hongkong
Comet	cruiser, 2nd class	4380	10	7000	Capt. R. Nugent	Shanghai
Comet	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Darwell	Hongkong
Comet	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. Dickens	Hongkong
Comet	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	3800	Lieut.-Comdr. Freemantle	Hongkong
Comet	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Capt. De Horsey	Hongkong
Comet	cruiser, 1st class	14,000	14	30,000	Capt. Cecil F. Thurnaby, R.N.	Hongkong
Comet	river gunboat	616	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. Crabtree	Yankee
Comet	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	—	Capt. G. T. Lenta	Hongkong
Comet	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comr. R. E. Vaughan	Hongkong
Comet	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Comr. Hay	Yankee
Comet	torpedo boat destroyers	350	6	6300	Lieut.-Comdr. J. Kiddle	Hongkong
Comet	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. C. O. Walcott	West River
Comet	cruiser	7000	—	—	Capt. Benson	West River
Comet	river gunboat	95	2	240	Lt.-Comr. Tikell	Hongkong
Comet	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Tennyson	Yankee
Comet	torpedo boat destroyer	250	6	6500	Lt.-Comdr. D. Strath	Hongkong
Comet	receiving ship	4650	6	—	Commodore Stokes	Hongkong
Comet	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Godfrey	Yankee
Comet	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. West	Shanghai
Comet	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Lieut.-Comdr. Stevenson	Hongkong
Comet	surveying ship	630	—	—	Comdr. R. W. Glennie	Hongkong
Comet	river gunboat	380	6	6900	Lieut.-Comr. Cox	Hongkong
Comet	torpedo boat destroyer	195	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Spicer-Simon	Upper Yangtze
Comet	river gunboat	150	2	600	Lieut.-Comr. Todd	Upper Yangtze
Comet	river gunboat	150	2	600	Lieut.-Comr. Jno. F. Kuer	Upper Yangtze
Comet	river gunboat	110	2	600	—	Upper Yangtze

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BIRTHS.

BEATTIE.—At 7 Mountain View, Peak, on March 10, to Mr and Mrs BEATTIE, a Daughter.

CLENNELL.—On February 18, at H.M.M. Connelley, Chinaman, to RUTH and WALTER J. CLENNELL, a son (Walter John).

LYNESS.—On February 23, at Chelsoe to Mr and Mrs J. R. LYNESS, a Daughter.

BEVAN.—On March 3, at the Nursing Home, Shanghai, the wife of the Rev. H. L. WILLET BEVAN, Methodist College, a Son.

MAXWELL.—On February 3, at Yung-chun, Fukien Province, the wife of J. PRISTON MAXWELL, M.B., F.R.C.S., of a Daughter.

ALLANSON.—On March 5, No. 14 Haining Road, Shanghai, the wife of WILLIAM ALLANSON, of a Son.

MARRIAGE.

HENDERSON-CHESNEY.—On January 29, 1908, at Stanord, West Kilbride, JAMES A. RUSSELL HENDERSON, B.Sc., P.C.S., Professor of Chemistry, Chihli Provincial College, Pootung, to JEAN, daughter of the late James Chesney, Glasgow and West Kilbride.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., close from this date to 14th inst., inclusive.

Goods per Marmora not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

Goods per Panchang undelivered after 4 p.m. this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, March 12:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture, &c., at No. 5, Queen's Gardens, Peak Road.

Transfer Books of China-Borneo Co., Ltd., close from this date to 25th March, inclusive.

FRIDAY, March 13:—

10.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Postage Stamps, at Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Rooms.

SATURDAY, March 14:—

Noon—Meeting of Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd. at Rotten Row.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at City Hall.

8 p.m.—Dorchester Dinner at Hongkong Hotel.

MONDAY, March 16:—

Goods per Zouzon undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per Manila undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 17:—

Goods per Hongkong Mail undelivered after noon this date subject to rent.

3 p.m.—Auction of Household Property at Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, March 18:—

Transfer Books of China & Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., close from this date to 25th March, inclusive.

SATURDAY, March 21:—

Noon—Meeting of The China & Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co's Office.

NOTICE.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

No anonymously signed communications that have already appeared in other papers will be inserted.

Orders for extra copies of the "China Mail" should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day after publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Cash 10 cts., credit 20 cts., per copy.

Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Pages 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7, should be sent to our Office at 8 Wyndham Street not later than 11 a.m. New Advertisements should be sent to our Office at 8, Queen's Road Central before 5 p.m.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1908.

THE LOCAL UNIVERSITY.

EVIDENCE accumulates to show the value of the arguments in favour of the institution of a local University at Hongkong, a project that we are proud to know has the invaluable support of His Excellency the Governor. In our issue of yesterday we recorded that Mr Wong Ming, a former student and Master of Queen's College, had been appointed to an important official position in the Viceroy's Yamen at Canton. It was also mentioned that the official whose place he took, who had been transferred to Swatow, was likewise a graduate from Queen's College. If proof were needed of the value of a University in bettering the relations between the Chinese and ourselves this paragraph referred to would supply it. The old days of isolation are gone for ever and the Chinese official of the

future who is ambitious must have a thorough knowledge of things Western at his finger-ends. Even if in gaining that knowledge he has to neglect some of the antiquated classics he will not lose face in consequence. The cult of the classics is over or nearly so. It must not be supposed that in our anxiety to see a University established we lose sight of the immense value that Queen's College has been to the Colony. Our wish is to see the work which the College has done so admirably extended. When the matter comes to be seriously considered by the Government, and we trust that this will be before very long, it might be worth while to consider how far it would be possible to create the University by expanding the functions of Queen's College. We advance this suggestion with all deference because we do not pretend to know what obstacles may exist. At first blush it seems to us that the promotion of Queen's College to the status of a University and a consequent readjustment of the status of the educational institutions of the Colony would be better than inaugurating an entirely new institution. But this is where the views of those whose opinions carry the weight of special knowledge would be invaluable. Would it be too much to expect those who have the special knowledge necessary to express an opinion in regard to the best method of inaugurating a University and the probable first and annual cost of such an establishment to come forward and give such information as they may possess. We are not yearning after any more Commissions. These who are qualified to speak are aware that the columns of this paper, and we venture to say of the other papers of the Colony, are available to them. A few sources of fact would make the concoction more palatable. It is to be hoped that in regard to this matter, in which we know, privately, that a great number of people take a deep interest, that some of that public spirit which we have made it a special duty to quicken to increased activity will manifest itself.

by our contemporary to head the American people off the path into which the impetuous Mr Roosevelt and others seek to direct them. It has been pointed out by Congressman Tawney that this stupendous sum of \$400,011,216 is asked simply for the military side of the government for any fiscal year since the civil war down to 1890, and not appreciably less than appropriations for any fiscal year prior to 1897, for the Spanish-American war. But there has to be added to this huge total \$21,000,000 paid out for the maintenance of the Navy Department for the forty millions asked for the construction of new battleships. If what the "Nation" describes as Mr Roosevelt's "military mania" is to be allowed full sway the great Republic will expend \$407,000,000 in 1908-09, a trifle amounting to one and one third millions for every day in the year. We are aware of course that America has money to burn but really this seems to be burning it up with a little too much suddenness.

INQUIRIES.

At the Magistracy to-day an enquiry was held before Mr H. H. J. Gompertz, who sat as Coroner, into the circumstances attending the death of a Chinaman who was knocked down by one train when he jumped from another train in Des Vœux Road on the 1st inst. He was removed to the hospital where he was identified as Chin Ji Sang and, to the injuries which he received he succumbed later in the hospital. The jury found that no one was to blame, and a verdict of death from misadventure was returned.

The circumstance surrounding the death of Wong Wai, a prisoner in the Victoria Jail, was also enquired into at the Magistracy to-day. Medical testimony was to the effect that death was due to natural causes and a verdict to that effect was returned by the jury accordingly.

SUBSIDIARY COINAGE.

At the Y.M.C.A. Parliamentary Debating Society on Monday evening the Premier, Mr S. Kingsbury, moved a Bill "To prohibit the importation of Foreign Subsidiary Coin." He gave a lucid account of the growth of the evil, beginning from the time when the Chinese were well content to transact their business in the neighbouring provinces with the clumsy cash and no "subsidiary" i.e., "helping" coin, until they reached the dollar. He then explained the policy of our Government in supplying the need for other subsidiary coins although it was a need up to that time not recognised by the Chinese themselves; and showed how the Chinese recognised the profitableness of minting and readily followed up our footsteps with a reliable subsidiary system which very soon not only deprived us of any advantage but saddled us with the present unsatisfactory burden.

Captain Brown made an able criticism of the Bill as it stands, and was followed by Messrs Lowry, Jillings, McPherson, Fuller, Sutton, Edwards and Captain Baker.

Next week the Minister of Education will introduce a Bill to found a University of Hongkong.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Raja of Sarawak leaves Marseilles for Singapore on March 16.

Colonel John S. Mosby, at one time U.S. Consul here, has published in America a book entitled "Stuart's Cavalry in the Gettysburg Campaign."

Mr E. O. Murphy, of Messrs Bailey and Murphy, the well-known engineers, returned yesterday with Mrs Murphy and family, from a lengthy holiday abroad. Mr and Mrs Murphy were passengers by the Empress of India.

M. Shipoff, formerly Minister of Finance, who only recently returned from a tour in the Far East, has been appointed Russian Minister of Commerce in succession to the late M. Filossloff, says a Russian telegram from St. Petersburg. The statement that he would be appointed Ambassador at Tokyo is incorrect.

Captain George T. Langhorne, director general of the Philippines Carnival Association, and the heart and soul of the Carnival project, arrived to-day from Manila. The members of the Carnival Association, the Elks Dragon Guards, and the Carnival Guard of the Y.A.P. gave him a great send-off. The Consul-General headed a procession of cars and accompanied the escort to the steamer Tremont, where he was presented with a loving cup. Captain Langhorne proceeds to America via Suez.

Mr B. G. Soano, the newly appointed Consul General for Peru, took up his post only this month and he was recognized by the Hongkong Government on the 6th inst. Mr Soano's father, who is permanent Procurator General of the Supreme Tribunal of the Republic, is at present in Chile, as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at that Court. Mr A. Silva, the Secretary, has both doing the work of the Consul since the departure of the Consul, Mr D. E. Pereira, and has proved himself quite an able assistant.

SUDEN ATTACK OF DYSENTERY CURED.

A PROMINENT lady of Brooklyn, N. Y., U.S.A., writes to inquire where she can obtain Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. She says: "While stopping at a ranch in South Dakota I was taken ill of what seemed to be cholera. They gave me some of this medicine and it cured me. I brought a bottle home and have just used the last of it to-day." For sale by all chemists and druggists.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Governor Hughes.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 8.

The Republican Convention of New York has adopted Governor Hughes as its candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

DR SUN YAT SEN.

In Hongkong.

Dr Sun Yat Sen, the notorious rebel leader, for whose capture the Chinese Government has offered the magnificent sum of \$200,000, is in Hongkong at present. He is on board one of the Japanese steamers in the harbour, having come up from Singapore on his way to Japan, accompanied by a few of his followers. During his short stay here he will not go ashore. Our informant, who is one of Sun's party, is very reticent about the movements of the Doctor.

Dr Sun Yat Sen was ordered to be banished from the Colony of Hongkong in 1896 for a period of five years, on the charge of having formed a conspiracy against the Chinese government. However he left the colony before the issuance of the order of banishment and proceeded to England, where he was shortly afterwards kidnapped and confined in the Chinese Embassy the object being to return him to China. The opinion of the English people was aroused and it was decided to release him.

Upon obtaining his release, Dr Sun Yat Sen immediately proceeded to Japan, whence he communicated with the Government of the Colony of Hongkong asking permission to return, but was refused.

The matter attracted a great deal of attention in the House of Commons, where the late Mr. Davitt championed the cause of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Strict inquiry was made into the manner by which the order of banishment was made. It was found that the steps taken by the Governor-in-Council had been legal, and it was also pointed out that Dr. Sun Yat Sen had left the Colony before the order was issued. However, there was much sympathy expressed in his behalf by statesmen and the press.

Since the expiration of the sentence of banishment on March 4, 1901, Dr. Sun Yat Sen has visited the Colony and has been influential in the affairs of the reactionary party in the Colony. He is a native of Huengshui district, in the Province of Kwang-tung in South China. After receiving his education at Honolulu, in Hawaii, he subsequently passed as a doctor in the local Alice Memorial Hospital. He later set up a dispensary in Macao. He is a man of refinement, and has much influence among his countrymen.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Manila carnival is pronounced by the Manila papers to have been a huge success, attracting 25,000 people. The carnival will more than pay its expenses.

Commenting on the campaign of the anti-opiumists a Singapore paper says there is no love lost between the missionaries and the trading classes in the Coast Ports of China.

H. E. Yang, Shih-hsiang, Acting Viceroy of Chihli, it is reported, has been granted leave to issue bonds for a domestic loan of Tls. 5,000,000, for the purpose of re-organizing the Peiyang Army.

The U. S. war department is making preparations to send eight companies of coast artillery to the Philippines to take charge of the fortifications on Grand Island and Corregidor. This looks like business.

The Japanese Official Gazette announced on Feb. 27, that on and after April 1, Post Offices will give receipts, stating the time of receipt at the office, for all mail matter on which no extra charge of 15 sen is paid, and will notify the sender of the time when delivery was made.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. M.S. Rinch and Officers, the Band of the 2nd Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday, the 26th March, 1908. (We then print.)

March.....Wiener Kinder.....Krimmeling

Overture.....The Barber of Seville.....Rossini

Selection.....Miss Hook of Holland.....Rubens and Talbot

Waltz.....The Blue Danube.....Strauss

Euphonium Solo.....Simple Arvo.....Thomas

Selection.....Falka.....Chaussegro

Musical.....Musical.....Musical

La Mattheiche.....Borel Ciro

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FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

Moors Concentrating.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 8.

General Baildon, commanding the French force at Ainsfra, has telegraphed to Paris that a force of Moors numbering about 4000 men, is collecting on the Algerian frontier in favour of the cause of Mulai Hafid.

CAPTAIN HATHAWAY.

Dies Suddenly.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 10.

Captain R. H. Hathaway, of the Pacific Mail Steamer Mongolia, died suddenly in the Agent's office here this morning.

[Captain Hathaway arrived in Hongkong in January, 1907, in command of the "Mongolia," having taken over the command from Captain Porter. Prior to joining the Pacific Mail S.S. Co., he was Chief Officer of the Ward line running out of New York. Captain Hathaway's wife died in New York about two months ago. Three children survive and are all at school at San Francisco.—Ed., C.M.]

FATALITY AT SHANGHAI.

Death of Mr Ballard.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 10.

Mr J. A. Ballard has succumbed to injuries received by a fall down stairs. We regret to have to report the continuation of serious illness of Mr J. A. Ballard of Messrs Ballard and Hunter. Mr Ballard met with an accident on the morning of February 22 when he was leaving home to proceed to business. Mr Ballard was descending the stairs when he suddenly became unconscious and fell, breaking his nose and injuring his head. On regaining consciousness he was able to get up and struggle to his room. Dr Jackson was called in and he found that Mr Ballard had fractured his nose badly and recommended that he be sent to the Nursing Home. During succeeding days Mr Ballard experienced frequent lapses of memory and he remains more or less in this condition at the present time. His state is regarded as sufficiently serious to warrant calling for Mr Ballard, and also for his partner, Mr A. C. Hunter, who is at present in Europe.—N.Y. Daily News.

TUNG FU HSIANG'S

ARMY.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, March 9.

Sheng Yun, the Governor of Shensi, has telegraphed to the Peking Government for instructions as to what steps should be taken to deal with the large army under the control of the late Tung Fu Hsiang, the Boxer leader.

ARMS FOR CHINA.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, March 9.

The Japanese Minister, it is stated, has wired to the Tokyo Government urging the advisability of prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition to China to avoid future diplomatic complications between the two countries.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

LAUNCH OF A GERMAN

BATTLESHIP.

LONDON, March 8.

The first German Dreadnought has been launched at Wilhelmshaven and christened the "Nassau."

THE KAISER AND LORD

TWEEDMOUTH.

LONDON, March 8.

The "Daily Telegraph" and the "Daily Mail" say that the Kaiser's letter was a colloquial document written as from one friend to another after the Kaiser's visit to England when His Majesty had many pacific conversations with Lord Tweedmouth. It expresses disappointment at the tone of the press naval criticisms and especially with Lord Esher's letter of the 6th February, in which he said that there was not a man in Germany, from the Emperor downwards, who would not welcome the fall of Admiral Fisher. The personal tone of the Kaiser's letter makes its publication impossible, Lord Esher being characterised in it very unceremoniously.

THE SEIZED STEAMER.

(REUTERS SERVICE.)

REUTERS INFORMATION.

London, March 8.
Reuters learn that China has apologized to Japan for hauling down the flag of the Tatsu Maru and promises to punish the responsible officials.

China will reply later concerning the seizure of arms and ammunition.

Portugal has protested to Peking against the seizure of the Tatsu Maru, should the seizure have occurred in Portuguese waters.

China replies that it occurred on the high seas, and that Portuguese territory was not violated.

CANTON VICEROY DISAGREES WITH PEKING.

Witnesses Go to Peking.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Canton, March 9.
Intense satisfaction was felt throughout the city to-day at the attitude of the Viceroy, towards the case of the Tatsu Maru. From official quarters we gather the information that yielding to the persistent and strong representations from the Japanese Minister, and acting on the advice of the Inspector General of Customs, Sir Robert Hart, the Peking Government wired to the Canton Viceroy to release the vessel, to punish the Admiralty, and to lodge an apology with the Japanese Consulate at Canton.

The announcement of the receipt of the message from Peking created a sensation both in official circles and among the whole community. This was responsible for the mass meeting summoned by the Self Government Society in order to take steps to back up the Canton Government which, it was known, had all along adopted a very strong attitude with regard to the advisableness of confiscating the vessel.

The Viceroy was profoundly surprised at the weakness of the Peking Government, and has expressed the opinion that undoubtedly the Peking Government has not been fully acquainted with all details in connection with the seizure and did not realize the seriousness of the situation.

He duly wired a reply to the Waiwai to that effect. In the message, he stated that it was not at all difficult for him to set on foot his instructions, in which case all China's treaties with foreign countries should be at once destroyed. It would be deplorable to expect the officials to conduct future negotiations, and the whole Empire would be broken up. Who, in future, would do their duty if officials were punished for carrying out legitimate instructions? In order to put the Peking Government in a better position the Viceroy ordered the transference of the case, together with all details, to Peking.

Orders were yesterday given by the Viceroy to the Commander of the Cruiser Po Pik, and Wu King Wing to leave for Peking. The party accompanied by three Europeans of the Pak Kong Customs, who were present when the seizure took place, took their official departure from the Viceroy yesterday.

Result of the Mass Meeting.

CANTON, March 9.

At a meeting held at the premises of the Self Government Society, in connection with the seizure of the Tatsu Maru, there were present some two thousand persons. All sorts of proposals were submitted for a retaliatory measure against the Japanese in the event of the Chinese Government deciding to surrender the vessel. The Chairman, however, intimated that at the present stage it was yet premature to take retaliatory measures. Resolutions for the dispatch of a cable to Peking requesting the surrender were agreed upon. Other resolutions as to securing the co-operation of all provinces and Chinese abroad, were also passed, and wires have been duly despatched to the eighteen provinces of China and to all ports where there were Chinese, asking them to protest against the Japanese Government by wiring to the Peking Government.

Reported Release of Steamer.

A rumour was current in the city to-day among the Chinese community that the vessel has been released. A representative of this paper called at the Japanese Consulate here to enquire if such was the case, but he was informed that no information of the kind had been received from Canton. The Japanese Consul referred him to Messrs. Ataka and Co., the local agents of the seized vessel, who gave a similar reply.

Answer to Sir Robert Hart.

Information to hand this afternoon from our Canton Correspondent is to the effect that the officials concerned have wired an explanation to the seventeen paragraphs written by the Inspector General of an amicable settlement with the Japanese Government with regard to the Tatsu Maru.

The officials stated that upon referring to the agreement between China and Portugal, no marine right has ever been transferred to Portugal, which was proved by the fact that whenever foreign vessels come near the vicinity of the Pak Kong Customs have to be notified. According to the transmission of opinion to America by Chinese experts have always to

notify the Customs there. This shows clearly that Portugal has not the least right to interfere in the present case.

Feeling in the United States.

New York, March 4.

It is generally believed that the situation in the Far East as between China and Japan is strained. Both Washington and European Governments are on the alert.

Japan's Attitude.

Tokyo, March 4.

The replies of the Peking Government and the Viceroy at Canton have been received in Tokyo to-day, and though China does not necessarily reject Japan's demand for the immediate release of the Tatsu Maru, with an apology and compensation for her seizure, the reply is stated to be unconvincing and unsatisfactory.

The Japanese authorities emphasize the fact that they will take what steps they deem suitable if China remains evasive, as the failure to make reparation for the outrage will be a constant threat to vessels plying in Chinese waters.

Tokyo, March 6.

China has intimated her readiness to release the Tatsu Maru on the deposition of security and to apologize for the arrest. She insists, however, on detaining the arms and ammunition pending further investigation, for which she is nominating a third Power as arbiter.

Japan has peremptorily refused these conditions and intimates that she holds herself free to take any action she pleases in the matter. The seizure of the Tatsu Maru, she points out, is also causing considerable annoyance to the Chinese and foreign consulars of her cargo, which amounts to about 3,000 tons.

New York, March 6.

Information from Washington states that it is reported unofficially from Peking that Japan has threatened to use force unless satisfaction is accorded her in the case of the Tatsu Maru.

Benzo Tokutomi, the Japanese Ambassador, has conferred with Mr. Elihu Root, Secretary of State. In an interview the Ambassador expresses his opinion that China will yield.

AMOI NEWS.

Amoy, March 5.

The S. M. S. "Leipzig," arrived in port on the 27th ult., from Hongkong, and will be here for some time.

The Customs Revenue Cruiser, "Ping-Ching," left on 28th ult., for the North, where she will be engaged in putting up a new light-house between Wenchow and Ningpo.

The S. M. S. "Jaguar," arrived here on 2nd inst., from Shanghai.

The Hamburg-America S.S. "Slavonia" came in on the 3rd, from Shanghai, and took down coals for Hongkong and Singapore, leaving again to-morrow.

The "Hong Moh" arrived on 2nd inst., with a new Captain in command, Capt. Dawson, the former chief, having been appointed a pilot at Singapore.

Japanese steamers running to Tamsui, are doing well, and are getting full cargoes each trip. A large quantity of Kerosene Oil is finding its way over.

The Standard Oil Company are joying down buoys just now off their new tank, which has been finished some time, and steamers are expected to be able to discharge oil at any state of the tide, will move close up.

BELLINGS.

A Billiard Tournament with Handicaps, was concluded last week at the Amoy Club, the final match being between Messrs. Rankin and Hume, the latter winning somewhat easily, after an interesting display.

AMUSEMENTS.

Dr. and Mrs. Metz, were at Home at their house on Wednesday evening at 9 p.m. for dancing. The music was supplied by the band of the "Leipzig," and was much appreciated by all present. Dancing was continued into the small hours of the morning, and the evening was an entirely enjoyable one.

WEATHER.

Another gale broke on us, early Wednesday morning, and "raged" more or less all day, with heavy rain at times. To-day is quite again, but rain still continues.

The streets of Amoy city just now are unrecognizable, and had look to the stranger who finds himself walking there. Amoy still holds the ribbon for being the dirtiest city in this Empire, and nothing seems to be done by the officials to remedy this evil.

The Spring is on us, and with it every year some plague and cholera, and what chance have the people to fight successfully against these, when their surroundings are such as they are. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" is a well known saying, and one of the primary duties of Missionaries must be to impress on the minds of these people the idea that they must be clean at all costs.

MISCELL.

A daughter was born to Mrs. Anderson wife of Mr. H. P. Anderson of the Anglo-Chinese College, on Sunday, the 1st March, and both mother and daughter are doing well.

FENCING CLUB.

Practices are to be held on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Amoy Club Theatre, commencing on 10th inst. The membership of this Club now numbers about a dozen names.

THE UNCLAIMED COFFIN.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Canton, March 9.
It will be remembered that some time last month a coffin containing remains of a Chinese official was sent down from Shanghai on board the China Merchants steamer Chi-yuen for which no-one put in a claim. It appears that the coffin contained the remains of an admiral, whose son, Tang Yang Wing, a Prefect at Kan-su, has now claimed it, and it was duly handed over without further trouble.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

Meeting of Shareholders.

The thirty-ninth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, was held at 12.30 to-day. The Hon. Mr. H. Keswick was in the chair and there were also present:—Sir Paul Chater, Messrs F. L. Maclachlan, C. S. Gubbay, H. P. White, L. N. Loeb (Secretary), J. M. E. Macdonald, H. R. Smith, B. D. Gadsby, F. de Gones, H. L. Hutcheon, W. H. Potts, Captain Clarke, Ho Fook and Wong Leung Hin.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman—Gentlemen. The report and accounts have been in your hands for some days and I will therefore now read the result of the year's working (1907) is a profit of \$255,757.05, on which I think we may congratulate ourselves, especially in view of the number of serious fires that have occurred since our last meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

EXTRADITION OF CHINESE.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—In view of the many misleading and incorrect statements, reflecting not only on the action of the Colonial Government and its officers, but also on the conduct of the Chinese Government and Chinese officials, which have appeared in the local press [not the CHINA MAIL—(P. O. M.)] on the subject of the extradition of Chinese, I am directed to request you to be good enough to publish this letter for the information of your readers.

The handing over to China of Chinese subjects accused of committing crimes in China and found in this Colony is regulated by Treaty and by local Ordinances.

The procedure may be summarized as follows:—The Viceroy of the Province in which the alleged crime has been committed forwards a requisition to the British Consul at his Provincial City for transmission to the Governor of Hongkong requesting the Governor to hand over his Chinese subject charged with committing the offence to a Chinese officer specially detailed for the duty;—this requisition contains a specific undertaking by the Viceroy that the accused, if handed over, will be tried in the presence of a British Consular Officer for the offence in respect of which his extradition is demanded and for no other offence; and this undertaking is invariably carried out.

Upon receipt of this requisition the Governor orders one of the Magistrates to have the accused brought before him, and to enquire into the charge. The Magistrate enquires into the charge in the same manner as in the case of a person accused of the commission of a crime in Hongkong, and if the Magistrate finds that the evidence is such that in the case of a local offence he would commit the accused for trial at the Criminal Sessions, he commits him to goal to await the further order of the Governor. During his trial the accused has all the rights and privileges of a British subject charged with a crime.

The depositions are then forwarded by the Magistrate to the Governor together with a report on the case; an interval of fifteen days elapses during which the accused may apply to the Supreme Court for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, then, if no such application is made, the Governor may order the accused to be handed over to the proper Chinese official, who conducts him into China for trial before the proper judge of the Provincial City whence the requisition emanated. Such trial is held in the presence of a British Consular Officer, and unless the accused is found guilty of the offence in respect of which he has been handed over, he is restored to British Territory and set at liberty.

If the accused has resided for a year or upwards in Hong Kong, the depositions and Magistrate's report thereon must be considered by the Governor in Council with the assistance of the Chief Justice.

If the offence in respect of which the surrender of the accused is demanded is of a political character, or if he proved that his surrender has been demanded in order to try or punish him for an offence of a political character, the accused cannot be surrendered.

No person is surrendered unless he is a Chinese subject.

This procedure has been in force since 1880 with little variation.

In May and June, 1907, the present Chief Justice, in the case of Wong King Shing, gave his opinion that the Chinese Authorities have no locus standi in these proceedings, as extradition is an executive act of the Hongkong Government, at the request of the Chinese Government. The Hongkong Government is bound to act in the requisition and the ensuing proceedings as the agent of the Crown and the accused; since that decision all extradition proceedings have been conducted by the Police with or without the assistance of myself or my assistants.

If the case comes before the Supreme Court, the Chinese Government cannot be heard there, only the Crown and the accused have any locus standi, and consequently the conduct of the case for the Crown necessarily devolves on the Attorney General instructed by myself. In the case of Wong King Shing, the Attorney General, as counsel for the Crown, has been instructed by myself to advise the Government.

In order to prevent the escape of a suspected criminal pending the arrival of the official requisition, a Magistrate is empowered to arrest and detain the accused, and such evidence being laid before him as would, in his opinion, justify the issue of a warrant, if the crime had been committed in the Colony; but no further proceeding can be taken until the requisition arrives and the Governor issues his order thereon.

In the recent case of In Xi Shing the requisition from the Chinese Government was received, and contained the usual engagement securing a trial in the presence of a Consular Officer limited to the charge enquired into by the Hongkong Magistrate.

The officers of the Magistrate, being familiar with the case, had previously caused In Xi Shing's arrest as a suspect upon an information and warrant which the Full Court held to be technically defective, and, owing to a misconstruction of one of the provisions of the Ordinance, the Magistrate used another warrant from the requisition.

The Full Court held that the proceedings had been void ab initio and discharged the prisoner on these grounds, although the prisoner did not object to the discharge, and the case was not argued by counsel.

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FRANCE.

The year 1907, as far as industries and commerce were concerned, ended as brilliantly as it had begun. The year 1907 started under no less favourable conditions. A single discordant, but very striking, note, made itself heard amid the general chorus of satisfaction. The wine-growers loudly complained that they were unable to dispose of their produce, on account of wine fraudulently manufactured, and put on the market at impossible prices. The discontent assumed a tragic form. In the months of May and June last, colossal open-air mass meetings disturbed the entire Midi, and ultimately degenerated into riots. For a brief moment, it seemed as though the Government would have to deal with an ugly insurrection. Happily, the excitement, little by little, was allayed. The Government was not indeed able to do all that had been angrily demanded of it; but a law was passed which protected wine-growers against watering, as well as against the competition of artificial wines, by compelling growers to declare the amount of wine harvested, by taxing sugar, and by increasing the penalties for fraud. During the many stormy discussions that occurred on this question, at the time, the cry of over-production had often been raised. A Parliamentary Commission of Enquiry came to the conclusion that this was not the case. On the contrary, the production of natural wine had actually been restricted. The extent of land now cultivated for wine is about a third less than that under cultivation for the same purpose in 1870, before the advent of phylloxera; although, by means of improved methods of culture, the yield per hectare has been increased about 18%. The crisis began in 1904, when wine fell to 10, and in some extreme cases, even to 5 francs per hectolitre, i.e., about 2 local cents per litre, wholesale, of course; not after a particularly abundant harvest, but after the reduction of the duty on sugar brought about by the Brussels Convention. It is interesting to note that the price of a hectolitre of wine of the ordinary Midi type, in 1871, was from 32 to 35 francs; in 1873, from 43 to 45 francs; in 1903, from 20 to 25 francs; in 1905, from 15 to 17 francs; and in 1906, from 13 to 18 francs.

The French crops in 1907, both cereals and wine, were above the average manufactures and commerce kept up the advances made in the preceding years. All round, indeed, the situation was one for gratulation but, unfortunately, the country was threatened with the consequences of the economic crisis of others. The revaluation of capital wrought by the crisis in the United States with its ensuing reduction of prices, was not without its adverse effects on French markets.

Money in France is not yet very dear. The Bank of France, which possesses the largest quantity of gold in the world, was able to keep the rate of discount at a level that was comparatively low. It is greatly to be feared that French products will suffer from the general lowering of prices that has taken place in many countries, and whose need for gold has become an urgent, if not a vital need.

Already, one of the most promising of French industries, that of automobiles, is undergoing a severe strain. In a decade it has made seven-fold increases. The value of motor cars exported in 1906 was about one and three quarters million francs—say £70,000. In 1907, the value had risen to an equivalent of £2½ millions sterling. But, there has been undoubted over-production, the wealthy-buying market has been quite saturated, and very many cars now remain unsold.

The Government Expenditure, for 1908, is estimated at £154 millions: a sum that has given M. Caillaux no small amount of trouble to balance without notably augmenting present taxation. And yet, there are many formidable new burdens that must, in the very near future, be seriously grappled with by the French Government. Old Age Pensions (for *vetéranes maritimes*) are calculated to need as much as £12 millions sterling; another £10 millions for the *vetéranes militaires*; and a third £10 millions for the *vetéranes agricoles*. Added to all this is the *vetéranes des colonies*. There can be no shadow of a doubt about the strong material claims that France has staked in that country of seapower.

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